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1. DR. HOLT WISHES TO DESCRIBE NSF PROCEDURES TO COUNTERPART AGENCY IN THAILAND WHEREBY PROPOSALS PREPARED BY THAI AND AMERICAN SCIENTISTS FOR WORKING TOGETHER CAN BE JOINTLY FUNDED.

2. NSF NEEDS TO KNOW THAI GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES IN SCIENCE, HENCE APPOINTMENTS WITH SCIENCE COUNCIL OR MINISTRY OFFICIALS USEFUL TO DETERMINE AREAS THEY WILL EMPHASIZE IN RESERACH TO MEET NATIONAL GOALS. MECHANISMS FOR ENCOURAGING PROPOSALS IN THESE AREAS CAN BE EXPLORED IF CONSISTENT WITH NSF PROGRAMS AND NSF APPROVAL PROCEDURES CAN BE REGULARIZED WITH COUNTERPART AGENCY.

3. NSF ALSO NEDS TO KNOW DISCIPLINES AND PROBLEMS IN SCIENCE WHERE THAI SCIENTISTS BEST PREPARED TO JOINT IN FIRST COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH AMERICAN SCIENTISTS, HENCE APPOINTMENTS WITH SCIENCE FACULTY DEANS, RESEARCH INSTITUTE DIRECTORS, ETC., USEFUL TO ESTIMATE THAI RESEARCH POTENTIAL. KISSINGER

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